

WASHINGTON, DC – Congressman Joe Courtney today applauded the State of Rhode Island’s decision to suspend a proposal to place tolls on I-95 just across the border from North Stonington. The suspension follows the Federal Highway Administration’s (FHWA) February rejection of Rhode Island’s request. After Rhode Island applied for the pilot program last year, Congressman Courtney [wrote to Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood](#) expressing his strong opposition to and serious concerns about the proposal.

“I am a strong supporter of infrastructure investment, which has both immediate and long-term benefits,” **said Congressman Courtney**. “While I understand the challenges facing states today, Rhode Island’s toll proposal would have disproportionately impacted southeastern Connecticut travelers and made existing congestion even worse, especially on small roads as people tried to avoid tolls. Rhode Island’s decision to shelve their proposal is good news for our state and for travelers and commuters across our region.”

Rhode Island had applied for one of three nationwide projects designed to test toll collection as a way to fund road improvements.

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